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## Progress overshadows historical remains

by Rodney Franklin

When construction crews for the new Jersey Performing Arts Center discovered a burial ground at the site of the former Trinity Church, work halted and a group of archeologists were called in to investigate the find.

Green House Associates, a group of archeologists were hired to investigate the burial ground and its content. However, according to Zayid Muhammad, a member of Frontline Artists, the investigation was mis-handled. Graves were left open over night, skulls and other body parts of various corpses were taken out of graves and left unattended.

Mr. Muhammad also reported that the discovered remains were more densely intended than originally expected. Archeologists were expected to exhume only two hundred and fifty remains. However, according to archeologist Sandra Parker, there have been approximately six to seven hundred remains discovered, of which fifty are African descent.

According to another Frontline member, Pat Anthony, the site has been closed for environmental reasons.

The Coalition on the Heritage of Africans in Newark (CHAIN), an umbrella organization for community groups, organizations and individuals, has become "interested parties" in the events, allowed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation.

Gail Thompson, Vice President of Design and Construction of the Performing Arts Center believes that the bodies should be removed and

transferred to the Trinity Church in Newark. "The Trinity Church already knew that there were bodies at the site and they want to take the rest of the bodies and re-bury them at their new burial site."

However, according to Muhammad, the NJPAC have applied for federal and state waiver to have the investigation discontinued, because it is too costly to continue. "The investigation should be continued, and it should continue in its entirety, the whole thing should be evaluated, all seven hundred remains should be properly re-interred and the site should be proclaimed a historical landmark, and the remains should be properly memorialized."

Debra Enis, Public Relations and Marketing Consultant for NJPAC, stated, "This incident is very different from the one in Foley Square, in New York, there, the people were not aware of the bodies at the site. The Trinity Church had maintained a record of the bodies and what they died of."

According to Muhammad, Jeffrey Owens, an African-American worker on the site, resigned his position in protest of the mis-handling of the remains and the investigations.

Several prominent organizations in Newark are working together to insure the continuance of the investigation. They are Frontline Artists, Newark Writer's Collective, African Echoes, Peoples Organization for Progress, Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods, and All African Peoples Revolutionary Party.

The cemetery was a part of the

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## Rev. Soaries proceeds with lawsuit against

SOMERSET—Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, and 700 of New Jersey's Black Clergy will proceed with formulating a legal strategy in light of Ed Rollins' recent deposition. Rollins admitted again that he lied about offering money to black ministers in exchange for vote suppression.

Rev. Soaries spoke with Rollins by telephone the day after Rollins' remarks were reported. "Mr. Rollins explained to me then that his remarks were a fabrication and that to minis-

ter in New Jersey accepted or was even approached with money to discourage black voters from going to the polls. My concern is preserving the integrity of black ministers and the black church."

The 350 member churches of the General Baptist convention of New Jersey, and other black church coalitions from around the state at the advice of their attorneys are formulating a legal response to Rollins' statements. Rev. Soaries serves as spokesman for the General Baptist convention in all matters surrounding this case.

### Commentary by Sharon Kadjiyah Vincent

Just when you think that the level of racism couldn't possibly reach a new height something else happens that demonstrates the utter contempt and disrespect that a racist society generates towards African Americans, Latinos and other people of color. Last week it was the slanderous attack on the black church by Republican Ed Rollins, and this week it's an attack against our children.

At a recent principal's advisory committee meeting held at Plainfield High School, a white teacher passed out a document to white teachers only entitled "City of East Los Angeles High School Math Proficiency Exam." Thinking it very odd, thinking teachers who were in attendance wondered why they weren't given a copy of the material being distributed to fellow staff members. Later, when one of the black teachers got a copy of the document, it became quite clear

why they were conspicuously passed over. The material was so vile, racist and insulting that it absolutely demonstrates the sick mentality of those individuals who are consumed by hatred and sadly, is an indictment of those white teachers who participated in the distribution of this material whether because they thought it was just "funny" or truly felt this was worthy of being shared with the principal and a group of professional staff members.

Below is a brief excerpt of some of the questions which were on the "exam" that was distributed to white teachers only at the meeting held with the Plainfield High School Principal Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, November 18, 1993.

A salaried certified teaching staff member thought this material was appropriate to be shared with his fellow white teachers and with the principal of the school who is also white. When you think about just who is teaching our children, and what are they teaching them, it makes you

pause and really think about the awful toll on our children's self-esteem that is occurring daily in classrooms all over this country.

The teaching staff members should be immediately fired, and the teacher's association in Plainfield should issue an apology to the entire Plainfield community on behalf of its members. Those teachers who didn't protest or reprimand their fellow colleague need to do some serious self-evaluation and examine where their own heads are at. If they thought it was "just a joke," they need to know there isn't anything written in this document that is even mildly amusing.

Parents and concerned citizens need to voice their opinions about this incident and not allow it to be swept under the carpet or ignored. Parents need to also listen very carefully to their children when they come home and report the events happening in school. You should want to know what is being said, and don't discount what may seem as exaggeration on their part when they tell you about statements made to them and about them while at school.

We have to defend our children inside and outside of school from these racist attacks and attempts to defame and dehumanize them.

## CITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL MATH PROFICIENCY EXAM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GANG \_\_\_\_\_

1. Jamal has an AK-47 with a 40 round clip. If he misses 6 out of 10 shots and shoots 13 times at each drive-by shooting, how many drive-by shootings can he attend before he has to reload?

2. Jose has 2 ounces of cocaine and he sells an 8-ball to Jackson for \$320, and 2 grams to Billy for \$85 per gram. What is the street value of the remaining cocaine that he doesn't cut?

3. Rufus is pimping for three girls. If the price is \$64 for each trick, how many tricks will each have to turn so Rufus can pay for his \$800 per day crack habit?

4. Jerome wants to cut his 1/2 pound of heroin to make 20% more profit. How many ounces of cut will he need to reach his goal?

5. Willis gets \$200 for stealing a BMW, \$50 for a Chevy, and \$100 for a 4x4. If he steals two BMWs and three 4x4s, how many Chevys will he have to steal to make \$800?

6. Raoul is serving 6 years in prison for murder. He received \$10,000 for the hit. If his common law wife is spending \$100 per month, how much money will he be left when he gets out of jail, and how many years will he get for killing the b... that spent all his money?

7. If the average can of spray paint covers 22 square feet, and the average letter is 0.8 square feet, how many letters can a tagger spray with 3 cans of paint?

8. Hector knocked up 6 girls in his friendly neighborhood gang. If there are 27 girls in the gang, what percentage of the girls in the gang has Hector knocked up? Secondly, what percentage of girls in the gang hasn't Hector knocked up yet?

9. Bonus Question: Based on the information provided above, how many more girls can Hector knock up in his gang if he has sex 8 times a day with three different girls a week for 6 months while using the highly reliable "rhythm method" of birth control?



PLAINFIELD—Rachel Mercado-Otero (left) of the Essex Adoptions Resource Center honored City News for its efforts in helping the organization recruit foster parents for children waiting for adoption. The paper's "Child Waiting" column. The organization made an actual adoption as a result of this column. Jan Johnson (C) Managing Editor of City News was also presented with a proclamation from Plainfield Mayor, Harold Mitchell for the newspaper's efforts and in recognition of national adoption month.

## NAACP rips General's '60 Minutes' interview

Remarks are Darwinian racism

by Chester A. Higgins

Marine Corps Commandant, Gen. C. Mundy, Jr.'s remarks on the CBS prime time show, "60 Minutes" that lack of black officer retention and promotion in the Corps is due to deficiencies in marksmanship, mark reading and swimming, have angered the members of the NAACP who called it "Darwinian racism and bigotry of the first order." John J. Johnson, director of the organization's Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Department in a letter addressed to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, said the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization, was "shocked and dismayed" by Mundy's assertions. He said, "It is our opinion that persons displaying this mentality should have no place in today's military." The statement fell just short of calling outright for Gen. Mundy's dismissal. Johnson asked Secretary Aspin, however, "what action do you plan to take to interdict General Mundy's national misinformation campaign?"

Johnson urged the "immediate clarification" of Gen. Mundy's remarks and "an abject apology to all Americans (including the thousands of blacks and other minorities who serve in the Armed Forces with efficiency and honor today) (and the millions who heroically served in the past) who have been hurt by Mundy's insensitive remarks." He said his office had been deluged by calls from Americans, white and black, incensed over Gen. Mundy's remarks.

In a letter of apology to NAACP

executive director Benjamin Chavis and one of protest to Don Hewitt, executive producer of "60 Minutes," Mundy complained that his remarks were taken out of context and he was the victim of a "sound bite" during a lengthy interview with the program's correspondent Leslie Stahl.

Johnson, however, recalled that Gen. Mundy's "the same officer who declared without prior clearance, that married Marines were not wanted, or would not be encouraged to enlist in the Corps. He was quickly forced to back away from that statement. It is another fast, 'shoot-from-the-hip' pronouncement."

The NAACP official called Gen. Mundy's assertion that "the short clip relayed (only) to problems of atrophy-level officers during basic training," a "curious defense," Johnson said. "If blacks can't get past initial obstacles, how can they gain experience and careerment and promotion at higher (officer) levels?"

He said, "Testimony of several black Marines (during the show) refuted (Mundy's) charge. Indeed, one flatly stated he was certain he would have been promoted were he a 'six foot, four, blue-eyed blond.' Johnson called this "a sad commentary on the stewardship of the Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps," declaring "America taught a bloody World War II combatant this kind of racist (Mundy) mindset." He asked Secretary Aspin, "How can the NAACP assist the Marine Corps on all military departments in pursuit of your stated equal opportunity goals and objectives?"

# From Thanksgiving food baskets to food security

by David Beckmann

Many Americans will gather this Thanksgiving for dinner around tables adorned with all the succulent trimmings of a Norman Rockwell holiday feast.

The trimmings, however, will be slim for the 30 million Americans who go hungry each day. The lucky ones will receive their slice of turkey and pumpkin pie generously doled from a community soup kitchen or church-run food pantry.

But Thanksgiving food baskets illustrate precisely why we've failed to end hunger in America. We've grown more comfortable with giving food to hungry people than we are outraged by the policies and practices which create hunger in this country and abroad.

Widespread hunger persists in the world, even in a country as wealthy as the United States, mainly for a lack of

political will.

Few soup kitchens and food pantries existed before 1980. But today, more than 150,000 private feeding agencies have emerged distributing \$3 billion to \$4 billion worth of food annually to hungry people in the United States. Despite these valiant, thankless and much needed efforts, hunger endures. In fact, hunger has grown faster than the private feeding movement and is now widespread now than it was 10 or 15 years ago.

People need to re-examine their contributions to the anti-hunger movement. Some of the energy devoted to suffing Thanksgiving food baskets needs to be channeled toward changing ineffective government policies which help to cause hunger.

Despite Americans' generosity, government policies often affect hungry people on a scale that dwarfs the impact of private assistance. For example, federal food programs currently

provide \$39 billion annually to low-income people in the United States. This far exceeds the nearly \$4 billion that the private feeding movement gives away. Private feeding agencies are weak or nonexistent in some places where need is especially great.

Also, private charities can never take the place of publicly-funded school breakfasts and lunches, a fair minimum wage, nutritional supplements for pregnant women and infants, and effective foreign assistance programs carefully designed to empower poor and disenfranchised people overseas.

U.S. government policies are partly to blame for the mushrooming of hunger in the United States during the 1980s. For example, government cut taxes and social spending. It tolerated high levels of unemployment. A "hundred points of light" could not make up for what these economic policies took away. Now, Congress and the Clinton administration have proposed

draconian cuts in those parts of the U.S. foreign aid budget that are critical for poor and hungry people.

Fortunately, Americans are generous people and can enormously about hunger. Ninety-three percent of U.S. voters say that hunger in our country is a serious problem. Every year, Americans contribute over \$2 billion to more than 400 private organizations that provide relief and development assistance overseas. We volunteer millions of hours preparing and providing food in soup kitchens and food pantries across the country. And for most of these organizations and their corps of volunteers, Thanksgiving will be a busy day.

Despite this overwhelming response through charitable giving, more Americans live below the poverty level — 36.9 million — than at any time since 1962. One in four U.S. children lives in poverty and faces hunger. A

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## Clarence E. Lockett elected to TESC Foundation Board

Clarence E. Lockett, assistant treasurer of Investor Relations, for Johnson & Johnson, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation. A nonprofit corporation affiliated with Thomas Edison State College, the Foundation raises funds to support higher education for adults, scholarships and other initiatives of the College.

Lockett, who has served in his present capacity since June 1991, began his career with Johnson & Johnson's Chicopee affiliate, now Johnson & Johnson Advanced Materials Company, in 1969. He was named operations controller at the Chicopee plant in North Little Rock, Ark., in 1979 and was promoted to controller at the company's headquarters in New Brunswick, N.J., in 1982. He was appointed assistant corporate controller at Johnson & Johnson in 1985 before returning to Chicopee as chief financial officer and a member of the management board of Chicopee in 1986. The first African-American to be named to



this position within Johnson & Johnson and its affiliates.

Twice the recipient of the Central New Jersey Chapter of the American Red Cross Community Leadership Award, Lockett was also recognized with the "Bronze Quill" award by the Central New Jersey United Way. He was the first recipient of the Johnson & Johnson Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Award.



SENEGAL—Younous N'Gou, center, ushers young marrieds, Christophe and Adrienne George-Bourne, into the naming ceremony for his one-week old granddaughter, Ania, whom Mrs. George-Bourne holds in her arms. The couple from Springfield, Va., were among a group of African-American university students who recently won the grand prize of a trip to Senegal sponsored by Pepsi-Cola national essay contest. As prizes for their essays on "What is the Most Important Event in Black History in the Last 20 Years," the seven winning students and their guests were awarded seven-day, all-expenses-paid trips to Senegal. Mr. George-Bourne is a sophomore at the University of the District of Columbia.

## UCAA honors community educational professionals

by Connie Woodruff

In the two-plus years of its existence, the United Caribbean African Alliance, Inc., has proven it is more than just another organization for people of color in the metropolitan Essex County Area. Based in Irvington, the UCAA is an alliance of groups and individual community leaders focused primarily on issues affecting people of Caribbean and native African heritage.

In its first year, UCAA energized a fledgling membership and sought to identify ways to overcome cultural, social and political barriers to address the needs and concerns of people struggling with language and cultural differences. The second year was focused on how to best meet education needs of Caribbean and African children in a heterogeneous society. Hence, the second annual awards dinner dance honored community educational professionals who have worked to help UCAA meet its goals for the year.

The honorees were Mr. Louis Preza, CEO and President of City National Bank of Newark, Larry Hamm, president, Newark Rainbow Coalition, Mrs. Gladys Hillman-Jones, Assistant Supv. Newark Board of Education, Dr. Said Samatar, Professor of History, Rutgers University, Miriam Dorisne, artist/singer, Richard S. Glover, Chair, Math Department, Vernard High School, East Orange, and Kurt

Culbreath, founder and president, Black Heritage Day Parade, Dr. Bernier Laurent serves as chairman of the Board of Directors with Rev. EW. Obirio Adodo, Louis Preza, Dr. Yves Auguste, Dr. Lenworth Gunther and Marlene Allison.

The day-to-day operations are under watchful eyes of Pascal Montilus, executive director and other members of the executive committee that includes Warren Coley, assistant, Brenda Craig, secretary and Sherry Weldon, treasurer. Dr. Lenworth Gunther, a professor of history at Essex County College and author of a book based on the life and times of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, was guest speaker for the dinner.

Noted as a teacher, writer, media personality and motivational speaker, Dr. Gunther traced the history of the island and mainland roots of Caribbean-African Americans, focusing on the necessity to form alliances and coalitions between all peoples of color for the betterment of the communities populated by people with a common cause, the need to survive in a diverse society.

Dr. Gunther who served on the East Orange Board of Education, founded and directs the Hunger Fund of Essex County College which contributes money, goods and services to hurricane and drought victims in the Caribbean countries.

On November 30, Dr. Gunther will receive an Honorary Degree from Upsala College.

## NESF receives Prudential award

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc., has been chosen as the recipient of a \$4000 award sponsored by the Community Foundation of New Jersey. The award honors New Jersey based companies for their corporate giving programs and The Prudential of Newark was one of twenty-one businesses so honored. The Prudential was selected as winner in the Health and Environment category. As a result, the corporation "won" the right to designate its award money to the non-profit organization of its choice and chose NESF.

Peter Bushyager of The Prudential Foundation said the corporation selected NESF because it "could not

think of a more deserving or better organization" and described the agency as "the safety net for the people of this city."

Since Newark Emergency Services for Families was established in 1977, the non-profit organization has assisted nearly 177,000 individuals and families with emergency assistance including food, clothing, shelter, public utilities, rent, prescriptions, transportation, and other social service needs. It also has a 24-hour hot line that operates daily and sponsors a mini social service program, Ujima Homeless Help Support Services, which promotes self-sufficiency among those living in homeless hotels.

## Walk home with New Jersey Habitat

PATERSON—Northern New Jersey Affiliates of Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit housing ministry that works in partnership with people in need to improve the conditions in which they live, are holding a walk-at-home called The Walk Home this Sunday, November 28. The walk will raise funds to help the local Habitat affiliates build or renovate homes for families in need.

Walk Home volunteers will walk a route and animal pledges to help eliminate poverty housing. The Walk Home will be held in the following

four locations: **Pateron Habitat for Humanity** will host their three-mile annual Walk Home at 1:30 p.m. They will start at Overlook Park at the Great Falls on McBride Avenue in Paterson. Walkers will pause for refreshments at the eight houses currently being constructed by Paterson Habitat, as well as, tour the 44 houses built by Paterson Habitat.

**Newark Habitat for Humanity** will walk at 1:00 p.m. at the Seton Hall University Pirates' Gym Parking Lot. Following the walk, a

dedication of six newly renovated homes will be held.

**Morris Habitat for Humanity**'s three-mile walk will start at 1:30 p.m. beginning and ending at Headquarters Plaza. The Walk Home will feature refreshments and a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newest project on Willow Street.

**Elizabeth Habitat** will hold their Walk Home at 1:30 p.m. at Warrinac Park in Roselle. Participants will complete 2 loops around the park for a four-mile

walk. The North Jersey Habitat affiliates are among 850 affiliates in the United States and 110 overseas that "...build simple, decent, and affordable housing and then provide the opportunity for families in need to buy them, according to Tony Stancore, President of Paterson Habitat.

For information on any of the events call: **Paterson Habitat-201-278-4281**, **Newark Habitat-201-624-3330**, **Morris Habitat-201-605-5804**, **Elizabeth Habitat-908-352-1218**.

## Rider names Dr. Senior director of student support services

LAWRENCEVILLE—Dr. Ann Marie Senior of Trenton, a research scientist at Educational Testing Service for the past six years, has been named Director of Student Support Services (SSS) at Rider College. She will help launch a program to increase retention and graduation rates of a targeted group of 150 first-generation, low-income, and/or disabled Rider students.

A developmental psychologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Dr. Senior has worked on projects that examine factors that inhibit students from learning or performing at their full potential. She has examined such issues as SAT performance, college student experiences, and urban students' attitudes and values toward learning and school.



## East Orange kicks off employees charitable campaign

EAST ORANGE—East Orange employees recently kicked off the 1993-94 Public Employees Charitable Campaign. Campaign coordinators from the city's various departments hired representatives from the five primary agencies which benefit from the annual fundraising campaign among the state's county, municipal and public school employees.

Mayer Cooper said, "I am extremely proud of the generosity of our city employees. Through the direct donations and payroll deductions, someone's life is being made easier."

According to Susan Austin, United Way loaned executive from Prudential Insurance Company, East Orange employees contributed \$26,875 during the 1992-93 campaign, a 25% increase over the previous year. Austin will provide information and assistance to employee recruiters during the two month campaign.



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## community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

ELIZABETH—Last day of the International Food Festival at Union County College. The Festival highlights the ethnic diversity of students from some 60 foreign countries now attending the college. For more info, call (908)709-7501.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

PLAINFIELD—Swan Galleries presents its 125th anniversary sale 10a.m. to 10p.m., 703 Watchung Avenue. For more info, call (908)709-7501.

GRAND-ORANGE—Fifty-nine players of Union County College's Women's Basketball Team will return to play an Alumni Game at 3:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Gymnasium, Cranford Campus. For more info, call (908)709-7501.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

PLAINFIELD—"SUNDAY HOLIDAY ART GALAS" at Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring Marianne Howard. Poetry and passion in her newest watercolor presentations. 2-6 p.m. For more info, call (908) 754-0202.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEWARK—Nathan C. Heard, author of "Howard Street," will be the guest lecturer at The Newark Public Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library's James Brown African-American Room. For more info, call (201)733-7798.

SCOTCH PLAINS—The African-Jewish Relations Committee of Central New Jersey will hold a general

meeting open to the public at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 Marine Ave. For more info, call (908) 8800.

JERSEY CITY—James Carney, a Roseland attorney who specializes in medicine and the law, will speak on "Changing Images of the Healing Arts as they relate to Legal Issues" For more info, call (201)200-3393.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

PLAINFIELD—"Holiday Open House" at Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring holiday cards, santas, angels gifts for everyone on a sale. For more info, call (908) 754-0202.

PLAINFIELD—"The Joys of American Christmas Carols" will be heralded at the Drake House Museum's Christmas Open House from 2-4 p.m. with each period room decorated to depict a traditional carol. For more info, call (908)756-4489.

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange High School Parent Teacher Association, Senior Parents Sub-committee, will sponsor a Holiday Boutique/Flea Market between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. For more info, call (908)756-5421.

PLAINFIELD—"Holiday Open House" 2-6 p.m. at Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring holiday cards, santas, angels gifts for everyone on a sale. For more info, call (908) 754-0202.

NEW YORK, NYC—"The Show For Weddings and More" Biggest bridal exposition & party planning event will be held at The Jacob Javits Convention Center, 11th Ave. between 34th and 39th St. For more info, call (212)877-4330.

EAST ORANGE—At the East Orange Public Library 7:30-9:00p.m. free program "Financial Crisis Management" Sponsored by the Essex County Bar Association. For more info, call (201)386-5600.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

PLAINFIELD—The Student council of the du Crete School of the Arts announces their 15th Annual Miniature Art Show and Sale to be held in the School Gallery at 100 Central Avenue. The public is invited to the opening reception 12:00 to 4:00p.m. For more info, call (908)757-7171.

NEWARK—Richard Wesley, noted playwright, screenwriter and educator, will present the third annual John Cotton Dana Distinguished Lecture at The Newark Public Library at 2p.m. in Continental Hall. For more info, call (201)733-7798.

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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY—Native American Johnny Moses will tell stories of medicine and healing arts. For more info, call (201)200-3393.

# National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

**N.Y. blacks consider new political party after Dinkins defeat:** Black political leaders in New York have begun exploring the possibility of forming a new party in the wake of the recent election defeat of New York City's first black mayor, David Dinkins. The effort is being spearheaded by Councilman Rev. Jesse Sharpton and state legislator David Patterson. Reportedly, the new party would be formed under the name of Rev. Jesse Sharpton's Rainbow Coalition. City blacks are charging racism in the loss of democratic incumbent Mayor Ruggie to Republican Giuliani in a city where democrats outnumber republicans by five-to-one. Election analysts show that blacks and Puerto Ricans gave Dinkins his only solid whites cast ballots for the one-term black mayor. The head of the city's Community Service Society, David R. Jones, put the general views of blacks this way: "Anyone who denies there was a strong racial component to the [Dinkins] defeat is living in a dream world. In order to gain the status of a political party, the Rainbow Coalition would have to collect 15,000 signatures, run a candidate for governor and then have that candidate receive at least 50,000 votes." —NEW YORK, NY

**Election results: Two new black mayors, but few trends:** The recent off-year elections in cities and states around the nation produced two new black mayors of major cities, but showed no strong political trends. Former Urban League director Bill Johnson was elected the first black mayor of Rochester, New York and City Council President Sharon Sayles Polton became the first black mayor of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Meanwhile, Hartford, Connecticut's first black mayor, Carleton Perry lost to white former fire fighter Michael Peters. In Detroit, state supreme court justice, Dennis Archer, won the election to replace the departing Coleman Young. And, in Atlanta, Martin Luther King, IV, son of the famous civil rights leader, was elected by white lawyer Mitch Landis to head the Fulton County Commission. —WASHINGTON, DC

**Jackson seeks six year delay in child molestation case:** Lawyer for pop superstar Michael Jackson recently sought what amounted to a six-year delay in a civil case in which a 13-year-old girl accused Jackson of sexual molestation. In court papers filed November 5, Jackson's lawyers denied the charges while also asking the judge to delay the civil trial until the statute of limitations on criminal charges against Jackson, who is on a world concert tour that reportedly concludes next month. Meanwhile, there is speculation that Jackson will remain out of the country until he learns whether or not he will face criminal charges. —LOS ANGELES, CA

**Top marine general offers apology for comments on blacks:** The Pentagon issued a statement recently in which Marine General Carl Mundy offered a partial apology for remarks he made about black marines during a "60 Minutes" (CBS) interview. The apology said Mundy regretted "any offense that may have been taken." Mundy had attributed the low level of black officers in the Marine Corps to minorities being "weak in military skills" such as shooting, swimming and use of a compass. Blacks make up 19.7 percent of all marines, but only account for 1.5 percent of marine officers. —ARLINGTON, VA

**Cities searching for black male teachers:** In recent years, cities throughout the nation have increased efforts to recruit more black males to teach in public schools. Fundamentally, the cities are hoping to provide a stable role model for inner-city children who do not encounter consistent and positive adult black male figures during their early, formative years. Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Seattle have established programs which are leading the national trend. National studies show that there are 25.4 black students for every black teacher in public schools. This compares with 7.4 white students for every white teacher. The most acute shortage is among black males. In elementary school, for example, only 10,000 of the 1.2 million teachers are black males. Experts believe the lack of positive male role models is the source of much of the behavior problems in

cities. —PHILADELPHIA, PA

**"Acquire real estate" guide offered to blacks:** A black financial self-help group has compiled a guide which both encourages and details how blacks can acquire profitable real estate property. According to editor James Nathan, the 24-page guide "offers both motivation and techniques" for acquiring profitable single family homes and small apartment buildings. The free guide is a product of the Better Life Club, a self-help group which advises blacks on how to build personal wealth. Persons interested in the guide can write Better Life Club, Post Office Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. The nonprofit group requires that \$3.00 be included to cover postage and handling. —WASHINGTON, DC

**Black rap stars dominating legal news:** Black rap music stars and their cases were the courts throughout the county recently — from criminal proceedings in Atlanta and New York to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. In Atlanta, Tupac Shakur pleaded not guilty to aggravated assault charges after the shooting of two cops following a traffic altercation and argument. Shakur played opposite Ice Cube in the movie, "Poetic Justice." Meanwhile in New York City, Flavor Flav (William Drayton) of the Public Enemy rap group was charged with attempted murder for allegedly shooting at a man he suspected of having sex with his girlfriend. And, before the U.S. Supreme Court, lawyers for 2 Live Crew argued that the group's sexually suggestive parody of the song "Pretty Woman" by the late singer Roy Orbison did not violate copyright laws. Some entertainment and political heavyweights have sided with the rap group, saying a ruling against it could hamper free speech and political parody rights. —ATLANTA, GA

## Progress overshadows historical remains

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property of the Trinity Church, and Church officials thought they had removed all existing bodies before building a parking lot on the site. In 1991, the parking lot was sold to the state of New Jersey. Mr. Muhammad reported that members of Frontline Artists have discussed the situation with officials of The DC/Creary Report, and there is expected to be an on site report done by Bill McCreey.

The NJ Performing Arts Center is expected to create at least 625 new

construction jobs. Economic impact studies also count 470 permanent jobs, with most of those in Newark. The ripple effect of the center, according to studies, would help support 6,700 jobs in the city. Excavation on the Arts Center will begin in January 1994, and the date of completion is set for the Fall of 1996.

Gail Thompson noted, "the Arts will bring people together and not apart. The people of the city community need to see that the city of Newark is a place which is beautiful and educational."

## Tips for easy holiday shipping

**NEWARK**—It's later than you think when it comes to shipping holiday gifts. This year, holiday gift-givers have until Dec. 17 to send international packages in time for the holidays if they use United Parcel Service (UPS) international air parcel delivery. Domestically, you can ship as late as Dec. 23 via UPS overnight/next day delivery service and still have your package make it under the tree.

To avoid costly shipping charges, Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE), with over 150 Centers in the tri-state area, suggests the following holiday mailing/shipping deadlines: Dec. 1 for overseas mail; Dec. 9 for regular mail or UPS going across the country; Dec. 22 next day air UPS, DHL, and Federal Express; Dec. 24 UPS Express Mail next day delivery on Christmas Day (available only to certain destinations).

And, to avoid those long lines at the post office, why not send your packages through a private packaging and shipping firm like Mail Boxes Etc. According to Albert Calloway, owner of the MBE at 909 Broad Street, "This season, the smart consumer can avoid the usual hassle and save time by shipping through a Mail Boxes Etc. Center. And, with our new no-limit shipping program, we can mail virtually any item you choose to send, no matter the size or weight." MBE offers holiday gift-givers a choice of shipping carriers, as well as packaging materials for do-it-yourselfers.

To insure safe arrival of gifts to

your loved ones, Calloway suggests the following:

- Always apply a label. Include complete return address and ZIP code with the complete mailing address. Place clear sealing tape over label to prevent ink from smudging.
- Use a rigid cardboard box with flaps intact. Select one large enough to allow for cushioning material on all sides of the gift. Avoid previously mailed boxes; they lose their resiliency in travel.
- Protect package contents by wrapping each item separately. Place cushioning material, such as plastic foam-fill packaging peanuts, around and between items. Plastic peanuts can be recycled through participating MBE Centers.
- Take extra care when packing glass and china. Pack each item in a smaller box. Place the smaller box in a larger one. Pack materials between the two boxes allowing for two to four inches of packing material on all sides.
- Seal outside of the package with a strong sealing tape, two inches or wider. Do not use masking or cellophane tapes—they crack, peel and are generally not strong enough for mailing purposes. Don't use string or paper to wrap the outside of your package; these items may be caught in conveyor belts.
- Packages should be able to withstand bumps, stacking, and a 10 to 20 foot drop.

Careful preparation of holiday gifts will go a long way in assuring their safe arrival. Call 1-800-828-2214 to locate the MBE nearest you.

# Stop the violence

## President Clinton's speech to black pastors

by William Reed

American family destroyed. I did not live and die to see 13-year-old boys get automatic weapons and gun down 9-year-olds just for the kick of it. I did not live and die to see young people destroy their own lives with drugs and then build fortresses destroying the lives of others... This is not what I have lived and died for." As Congress has considered crime legislation, Clinton has spoken out on the need to adopt measures to combat gun violence—such as a waiting period for handgun purchases and limitations on minors owning guns.

Black on black crime and violence has escalated in urban areas to the point that Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly has asked Clinton to call out the National Guard to help stop the violence in that city. In their summer conference in San Antonio, the National Medical Association, a national group of black doctors, labeled black violence as having reached "epidemic" proportions in America. The President told the Mason Temple audience that he

grieved that more than 37,000 Americans are killed each year by gunshot wounds and that 160,000 children stay home from school each day for fear of violence there. The current Anti-Crime Bill before Congress is also designed to put 10,000 new police on the streets of American cities to curb crime.

Mr. Clinton said blacks and whites in this country would be hard-pressed to explain to Dr. King the street crime and juvenile violence of today. "If you had told anybody who was here in this church that night (King's last sermon) that we would abuse our freedom that way, they would have found it hard to believe, and I tell you, it is our moral duty to turn it around. There is something for each of us to do. There are changes we can make from the outside in. That's the job of the president and the Congress and the governors and the mayors and the social service agencies," said the President. Mr. Clinton chided black leadership and its institutions to take up responsibility for

their communities. "There are changes we have to make from the inside out, or the others won't matter. Sometimes there are no answers from the outside in. Sometimes all the answers have to come from the values and the stirrings and voices that speak to us from within."

Clinton said: "You gave me this job, and we're making progress on the things you hired me to do, but unless we deal with the ravages of crime and drugs and violence, we unless we recognize that it is due to the breakdown of the family, the community and the disappearance of jobs and unless we say that some of this cannot be done by government because we have to reach deep inside to the values, the spirit, the soul and the truth of human nature, none of the other things we seek to do will ever take us where we need to go. We need both love and discipline. We will, somehow by God's grace, turn this around. We will give children a future. We will take away their guns and give them books, take away their despair and give them hope.

## National AIDS expert unveils AIDS stamp

**WAYNE**—One of the top scientists in the fight against AIDS, William Darrow, Ph.D., joins the United States Postal Service on World AIDS Day, Wednesday December 1, to unveil the first AIDS stamp. The new 29-cent first class AIDS Awareness

Stamp unveiling will take place at 1:30 p.m. at William Patterson College.

Dr. Darrow has been attempting to solve the AIDS enigma since the summer of 1981, when he was asked to serve on Center for Disease Con-

trol's task force on AIDS. His groundbreaking research proved that men living with AIDS in varied parts of the nation were linked by sexual contact. He has since been immortalized in author Randy Shilts' best-selling book entitled "And The Band Played On," and in the recent HBO movie of the same name. Noted character actor Richard Masur portrayed Dr. Darrow in the film.

Darrow is currently Chief of the CDC's Behavioral and Prevention Research Branch, overseeing 30 scientists and supervising 35 projects designed to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"We're very excited to have a leading national figure such as Dr. Darrow help us debut the AIDS Awareness stamp," the Postal Service's Northern New Jersey District Manager Eugene Rear said. "The AIDS Awareness stamps not only will carry letters to their destination...they will also carry an

important health message of their own to everyone who sees them along the way."

"Education and awareness are the first lines of defense in the battle to defeat and cure AIDS," William Patterson said. "As an educational institution with a concern for our community's health, we are very proud to be a part of this historic ceremony."

The AIDS Awareness Stamp is the latest in a long line of stamps that have raised the public's awareness of a variety of health and social issues, including the 1931 Red Cross 50th Anniversary stamp, the 1957 Fight Polio stamp, 1964's Crusade Against Cancer stamp, and 1978's Early Cancer Detection stamp. The AIDS stamps are in booklet format. Twenty five million booklets have been printed with each containing ten stamps for a total of 250 million stamps. A special cancellation and cachet envelope commemorating world AIDS day will also be available.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Plainfield needs a full time Mayor

Before the election of Mayor Mitchell, City News encouraged the Plainfield City Council to act on the recommendations of the Charter Study Committee and create a full time position for a Plainfield mayor. Although the Council has not considered the matter because of the politics of getting elected, the issue still warrants consideration and discussion.

The demands of pulling together all factions of the City, setting a tone for change that has never been set before and creating the type of city many residents want, means that the City needs a mayor that can devote full time to the job.

There has been some talk that incoming Mayor, Mark Fury, is pushing to increase the salary of the mayor and may even consider serving full time if he could afford to do so.

If the new administration can come up with a creative way to reduce the salaries of top administrators and create a salary for a full time mayor, we believe the plan is worthy of considerations. Four, for the price of three, may be a bargain if together they can reorganize government and get Plainfield on track.

#### Letter to the editor

### Blacks demeaned by both Rollins and Lesniak

Dear Editor:

I am extremely proud of my hard work, and that of my associates during the summer and fall in stimulating and encouraging black support for Christine Todd Whitman for Governor. Part of that effort can easily be documented by the fact of my bulk mailing of October 25 to more than 15,000 black families in Jersey City and 300 black community leaders and groups statewide. It would have been senseless and totally counter-productive for Ed Rollins or anyone else to try to inhibit or suppress that very same support.

As a former Jersey City municipal Democratic chairman, I would have preferred a far more reasonable and temperate response from Democratic State Chairman Raymond Lesniak to Mr. Rollins' recent assertions about monetary payments to black ministers in New Jersey to inhibit black votes. Lesniak's somewhat hysterical knee-jerk statements about invalidating the outcome of the gubernatorial election and ordering a new election represent to me a colossal example of adding grievous insult to horrendous injury.

Black ministers and voters scarcely had time to recover from Rollins' initial public assault on their collective integrity and intelligence. Less than twenty-four hours later, Chairman Lesniak's bombastic call for a new election demeaned both groups further through his obvious assumption that they had actually done what Rollins implied. Can this possibly be the same Democratic State Chairman Lesniak who steadfastly refused last spring and summer to respond to several requests that he urge Governor Florio to appoint an African-American woman to fill a commission vacancy on the New Jersey Highway Authority? When did he become such a vigilant crusader on our behalf? Come on, Mr. Chairman, give us a break!

I am certain a thorough investigation will ultimately clear the political air so befuddled by the thoughtless rhetoric of both Rollins and Lesniak.

Julian K. Robinson



by Connie Woodruff

Retracted claims that street money was given to black clergy and others, to keep the African-American vote low in the gubernatorial election has stirred the minority community to a fever pitch, against white politicians in Democratic and Republican ranks. Ed Rollins, the so-called mastermind of Christine Todd Whitman's campaign faces a serious personal and public crisis for his slip of the lip. To date, no one has come forward to admit taking a payoff.

But some old familiar faces have come forward to pose for the TV cameras and to (perhaps) inadvertently suggest New Jersey folks can't take care of their own business. It was no surprise that the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton would find their way to the state to immediately become involved in the controversy. The question is: Who needs them? All of the black preachers I know are more than capable of speaking for themselves and we have an army of African-American lawyers who can suggest ways of getting

redress for perceived or real injustices suffered.

It's time to let governor-elect Whitman get on with the business of preparing to take office in January. She has denounced, Rollins, put no credence in his charges, publicly apologized for the gall, produced campaign financial records and no one has been able to prove she even had any knowledge of the sequence of events.

Enough, already. While blacks are publicly licking their wounds and Rev. Jackson and Sharpton are posing before the cameras, we must assume the work of the Whitman Transition Team is continuing and moving forward without the involvement of many who helped to make the Republican victory possible. Is this foolish or what? The black clergy must take their brothers (Jesse and Al) aside and carefully explain this is a New Jersey fight and New Jersey clergy can take care of business.

Advocacy should be a cause, not a profession. When the United Clergy of the Oranges was attempting to inform people during the Primary campaign, they rightfully pointed to flaws in both major parties toward African-American

cans. There were no state visits by either Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton. When Jackson did come to the state he was on the stump for the Democratic Party.

The present controversy should not be a one-sided deal. As I see it, the Democrats are still taking African-Americans for granted and Ms. Whitman is still an unknown quantity, but she has left the door open for the involvement of all people and that's the way for the smart folks to go while we're still in a decision making mode.

Whatever shopping list anyone may have as presented to the governor-elect's spokespersons without advice, consent and involvement of the wandering preachers, Jackson and Sharpton.

Not everyone will be satisfied. Brendan Byrne didn't do it. Tom Iwan didn't do it. Jim Florio didn't do it and Christine Whitman can't do it. It's understandable there will be many changes in state government personnel. It happens every time a new administration takes over. In politics it's a fact of life that new brooms sweep clean, especially for those who

hold "unclassified" appointments and who serve at the pleasure of the sitting governor.

Mayor Sharpe James has wisely suggested the people of New Jersey let Mrs. Whitman get on with the business of the government she will run for the next four years, and we couldn't agree more. Enough is enough. Some of us must continue to monitor the question of punishment for Ed Rollins but all of us need to be directly involved.

It's just as important to monitor the progress of the Whitman Transition Team to make sure they do the right thing by African-Americans willing to make a contribution in state government and capable of handling the affairs of state in an commendable, professional manner.

The election is behind us. We may be appreciative of much that Governor Florio accomplished in four years, but it is time to look ahead to the next four years, and to find the niche in the administration of Christine Todd Whitman. The truth is, we don't have a choice in the matter. The voters spoke on November 2, and that is that.

## Taking our children back to their roots

by Marian Wright Edelman

I was told as a child that education was the key to my future. My teachers and parents challenged me academically, taught me valuable lessons about my heritage and instilled in me a sense of hope that permitted me to transcend the racial, gender and class barriers that existed and continue to exist in our society. Today, more than ever, we must encourage our youth in their educational achievement, a critical element for their survival in an increasingly competitive economy. Too many black students find their potential hampered by teachers whose low expectations lead the students to believe they can't learn or succeed.

Schools that serve black students remain segregated by income and race and are resource-poor. The result: every 46 seconds of the school day a black child drops out. In an effort to increase the educational achievement of our black youth, parents and teachers are beginning to take matters into their own hands.

Roots Activity Learning Centers, Inc. in Washington, D.C. provides African-American children with the love, encouragement, and support necessary for them to gain a head start in education and in life. This African centered school, founded in 1977 by

Dr. Bernida Thompson, promotes open and interactive education in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade classes. Roots provides over 100 children each year with hands-on opportunities to learn math, science reading and other subjects.

The teachers, addressed by African names and titles Mama and Baba rather than Ms. or Mr. go the extra mile to make sure that their students thoroughly understand academic concepts. Whether helping students to prepare original creations for the yearly science fair or leading them in the celebration of leaders from throughout the African Diaspora, the teachers encourage every child to strive for success. The results of their efforts are seen every year in the Roots student's consistently high test scores on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS), a nationally administered exam of academic achievement. Michelle Sweeney, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Director explains, "the majority of our test scores are in the 90th percentile. Unlike public schools that give the CTBS only once per year for every other grade, Roots administers the test twice per year to every student. In September, to measure diagnostic progress and again in May, for purposes of assessment."

The African cultural component which is incorporated into every aspect of Roots' programming, negates the children from society's negative stereotypes and messages. Each day at Roots, begins with teachers and students forming a circle of love where teachers tell stories, children sing, and they celebrate their heritage. As the day continues, the students work together in multi-grade teams to enhance the learning process of younger children and promote a sense of maturity and responsibility in older children. Through team efforts, teachers try to instill the importance of the African value system, which emphasizes citizenship, into these future leaders.

As with any successful educational program, Roots parents are deeply involved in the school and in their children's educational development. Through the Roots Parent's Advisory Council, parents donate supplies as well as their time and resources to fund raising, school maintenance and classroom assistance. Teachers welcome and encourage parents to take time with their children and participate in school activities. The daily homework assignments given to children beginning in the pre-kindergarten classes provide parents with ample opportunities to become part of the learning process.

To accommodate working parents, Roots is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. year-round. The cultural, social and educational experiences

that Roots students receive before and after school contrast sharply with the norm. Nationally, one in five black eighth-graders typically spends more than three hours after school with no adult supervision, compared with one in eight white eighth-graders. These empty hours are too often spent in front of the television, where violence and negative images of black folk taint our children's minds. Every hour a student spends learning to relate with others or pursuing their academic interests moves that child one step closer to surviving in a modern America and world.

The work of Roots parents and teachers set an example that we can all follow, as we prepare our youth for their future. While not every child has a school like Roots to attend, there is much we can all do to make a difference. For most of us to even give our children a real chance to learn we'll have to work with teachers, principals, school board members, city council members, or Congress people. We'll need to let them know that our children must have rich and challenging core offerings, good textbooks, and physical facilities that will enhance their learning experience. Most of all, parents and teachers need to give their children the necessary encouragement to instill in them a desire to learn and reassurance that they can succeed in school and in life. For more information about Roots Activity Learning Center, please call 202-882-5155.

### The game called politics

Dear Editor:

New Jersey voters don't like Ed Rollins boasting about manipulating certain black clergy and urban voters in the election of Governor-elect, Christine Todd Whitman. As the campaign for the Republican candidate he was mainly responsible for the means and ends of the campaign. Was his bragging stupidity or arrogance carried to its extreme?


Politics campaign managers who "sell" their services to politicians don't practice the "art" of politics. They do not represent the public. They are skillful in shaping and thwarting the popular will, sharp and shady dealings are their stock in trade. To these political "wizards" politics is a game for winning elections. They know nothing of compromise, truth or responsibility to a constituency.

Ed Rollins, James Carville and others of that stripe have learned nothing from the experience of Watergate. Our trust in political process was deeply scarred by the Richard Nixon operatives who wanted to protect their money sources of extraordinary amounts. President Nixon resigned in disgrace due to the campaign excesses and breaking at the Watergate Hotel. In this N.J. election campaign it would appear that suppression of voter participation is a fine tuning twist in the "spin-doctors" bag of tricks.

In a moment of exuberance Rollins (roishly) boasted how some voters were encouraged not to vote. Whitman's brother confirmed people were asked not to vote. The essence of voter participation in the process of self governing has been wounded again and again and we still have these merchants of the half-truth moulding our future in their sordid hands.

As voters, we should reject the siren song of both major parties and look elsewhere to the grass-roots men and women who offer democratic alternatives to the distortions, sound bites, lies and deceptions of the career politicians and their spin-doctors.

Martin Berkowitz



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## KIDS Kalendar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**NEW YORK, NY**—At the Children's Museum of the Arts, 72-78 Spring Street (SOHo), presents "Baskets" 12:00-3:00 p.m. Create paper and cardboard baskets using collage and color. For more info, call (212) 941-9188.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**ENGLEWOOD**—Youth music program. Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the YOUNG CENTER 19 Humphrey Street, Englewood, NJ. For more info, call (201) 894-1866.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**PLAINFIELD**—The first Annual Children's Multi-cultural Book Fair will be held at the YMCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 222 East Front Street. For more info, call (908) 756-3836.

**NEW YORK, NY**—At the Children's Museum of the Arts, 72-78 Spring Street, Mixed Media Watercolor—create a new watercolor technique in this workshop that experiments with a variety of materials and mediums. For more info, call (212) 941-9188.

**NEW YORK, NY**—WINTERFEST at Madison Square Garden. Special events include an in-line skating exhibition, a slip shot contest, a miniature lake testing course, snowboard simulator, and a 20-foot climbing wall. For ticket info, call (212) 466-4651.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

**EAST RUTHERFORD**—The seventh annual Black Dolls, Gift Show & Sale at the Madison Meadows, Sheraton Plaza Drive, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, call (201) 588-4709.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

**MADISON**—A special holiday treat for young audiences, "When You Wish Upon a Star" will be performed in Dryfuss Theatre, FDU-Madison at 2 p.m. For more info, call (201) 953-8620.

**MADISON**—At Fairleigh Dickinson University, "When You Wish Upon a Star" To be held in the Dryfuss Theatre of FDU's Rutherford-Madison Campus at 2 p.m. For ticket info, call (201) 953-8620.

**PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield Public Library Richard Stillman's Holiday Troubadours Come celebrate the holiday spirit with the tradition of multi-talented troubadours.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

**NEW YORK, NY**—Sesame Street Live presents "When I Grow Up" at The Paramount for 55 performances at Madison Square Garden. For more info, call (212) 307-7171.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

**MADISON**—Fairleigh Dickinson University's Children Theatre Series will present a special program, "Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol," at 5 p.m. in Dryfuss Theatre. For more info, call (201) 953-8620.

**MADISON**—At Fairleigh Dickinson University, "Crabgrass Puppets' Christmas Carol" To be held in the Dryfuss Theatre of FDU's Rutherford-Madison Campus at 2 p.m. For ticket info, call (201) 953-8620.

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A dance affair for children

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## East Orange YMCA offers pre-school and family programs

**EAST ORANGE**—The East Orange YMCA located at 100 North Arlington Avenue is accepting applications for Pre-School Child Care Program. The program for children ages 2 1/2-5 years old features a fully equipped outdoor playground, recreational and indoor instructional swimming, reading music and other educational activities. Full and half day kindergarten programs are available. Hours are

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Limited financial Assistance is available. For more information call 201-673-5598, or register at the YMCA.

The YMCA is also accepting registrations for its Winter session, which began on October 25. Adult Fitness classes include: Aerobic, Older Adults, Body Conditioning and Learn to Swim classes. Youth Instructional Swim

Classes are available on Saturdays. Applications are also being accepted for the new Parent/Tots swim class on Sunday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Classes are devoted to specially designed water activities for children ages 6 months to 5 years. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. The cost of the class is \$35.00 per six week session. A sliding scale fee is available for two or more children.

## UNCF's Campaign 2000 receives \$5.4 Million

**NEW YORK, NY**—Recently, the Ford Foundation awarded two grants totaling \$5.4 million to the United Negro College Fund for its \$250 million capital drive, Campaign 2000: An Investment in America's Future. The grants will help secure the financial resources to enable UNCF's 44 colleges and universities to maintain their role as major educators of America's minorities.

The first grant provides \$2.7 million to The Second Chance Teachers Program. This project, which involves eight UNCF colleges and universities, is designed to recruit and train active and former uniformed and civilian military personnel to become teachers. Its aim is to redress the decline in minority teachers by offering special programs for professionals who are considering teaching as a second career.

The second grant of \$2.7 million will support a four-year initiative

known as the UNCF Community Service Partnership Program (CSPSP). CSPSP will promote partnerships between ten competitively selected UNCF member institutions and community organizations located in neighborhoods surrounding them. It encourages students to translate classroom ideas into practical action and ultimately to become viable role models to younger public school youth who are potentially at risk.

Foundation President Franklin Thomas said, "We are confident that the Second Chance Teachers Program will contribute to the revitalization of teacher education programs in the eight UNCF institutions and to the development of new career choices for former military personnel and other professionals." Thomas added, "The CSPSP is not just a community service program. Its objective is to

integrate service into the curriculum so that students learn more effectively and at the same time produce real community benefits."

"There are many reasons for incorporating community service into the curriculum on the college level," said William H. Gray, III, president and chief executive officer of UNCF. "One premise is to help to rebuild bridges between UNCF institutions and the immediate African-American neighborhoods. Another is to clarify the institutions' obligation to the local black community."

As the number of business administration majors at UNCF colleges has

increased over the years, there has been a proportionate decline in preparation for such traditional fields as the sciences and education. This trend reflects the changing interests and new career options open to minority students. It has also altered the profile of the black college as an institution that produced the majority of the nation's black teachers. In 1977, 22 percent of African-American college graduates received degrees in education. By 1985, the rate had dropped to 9.5 percent, and it continues to fall.

"The Second Chance Teachers

Program will help close the widening gap between the increasing number of minority children in the nation's school systems and the contracting number of minority teachers entering the classroom," Gray said. "Equally significant is the fact that this will be achieved as a result of the peace dividend—the downsizing of the armed forces in response to lessened world tensions."

The United Negro College Fund is a consortium of 41 private, historically black colleges and universities. Since its founding in 1944, UNCF has raised more than \$800 million for black higher education.

## Kidz Workx: the cable show for today's kids

**UNION**—Kathy's Cable Kids, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to Drug Prevention Education, has moved its national headquarters to Union, under the leadership of Executive Director, Kathy Renne, 3-line National Video Award winner.

Kathy's Cable Kids, Inc. provides live, drug prevention programming for schools, conferences, and special events. The new facilities will house *Kidz Workx*, a career center for kids. *Kidz Workx*, a community action project for young artists, an academic, cultural, performing arts, career education institute. It offers workshops and develops self-esteem by showcasing their many talents.

Cable Kid auditions will be held Saturday and Sunday December 4th and 5th, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. for

ages 5 and up. Junior and Senior Cable Kids will be trained to go out into the community to give drug prevention programming in their communities, establish a club of Drug prevention activities, prepare for showcases at *Kidz Workx*, and create their own cable TV show.

The institute will focus on bringing together children their families, and neighborhood interaction. Activities are designed to develop communication and artistic skills through multi-media, networking and production of special events and performance, academic remediation and support, management of entrepreneurial programs that showcase products and crafts by participants. For further information on *Kidz Workx* please call 908-687-6566.

## An afternoon of story telling, poetry and jazz

The Afro-American Historical Society Museum of New Jersey, under the directorship of Theodore Brunson will sponsor "An Afternoon of Storytelling, Poetry and Jazz" on Saturday, December 4, 1993, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Children ages five years and older can enjoy intriguing stories and poetry told by storyteller and poetess Ameerah Ahmad. The Community Arts Program will also feature the

W.E.B. Jones Jazz Trio with a special children's introduction to jazz. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and share in the afternoon of fun.

The Afro-American Historical Society Museum is located on the second floor of the Greenville Public Library, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey.

For further information, contact Janet Hart at (201) 547-5362.

## Scholarship fund established in memory of Plainfield student

**PLAINFIELD**—A month before graduation, Kimberly Thelma Davis, a senior at Plainfield High School was tragically killed during a motor vehicle accident.

Davis, a member of the class of '93, had her sister set on entering the Union County College nursing program.

In her memory, the Kimberly Thelma Davis Scholarship Fund has been established to assist one or more high school graduates who have chosen to enter the allied health field. To date, two 1993 graduates with have benefited from the fund.

The scholarship committee is presently engaged in several fund raising activities, sending Kaydids (candy) and upcoming theater performances.

The family requests that you keep Kimberly's dream alive through the achievements of one or two students who might become what Kimberly had dreamed of.

To send in a donation, send it to Plainfield High School-Kimberly Thelma Davis Scholarship Fund, 950 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. To purchase Kaydids call 908-757-0714 or 908-753-6514.

## YWCA sponsors multi-cultural book fair for young people

**PLAINFIELD**—The First Annual Children's Multi-cultural Book Fair will be held at the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield on Saturday, December 4th.

A wide range of books will be offered for young people from Kindergarten through high school. Asian, African, African-American, Caribbean, Eastern European, Hispanic and Native American materials will be included as well as traditional books.

Authors who will meet people and sign their books include Muriel Fel-

lings, *Swahili Alphabet Book*; Catherine Bunin, *Is That Your Sister?*; and Dr. Arthur Lewin, *Africans Not a Country*.

The League of New Jersey Storytellers will present multi-cultural tales at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There will be an international sing-along at noon. Workshops will include "A Teenager's Guide to Getting Published" and "Reading to Your Child."

The Book Fair is a Board initia-

tive designed to address the national imperative of the YWCA—the elimination of racism—by fostering appreciation of the literature of various cultures. All activities will be free. Funds raised from the sale of books will help support the children's programs of the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield.

The YWCA is located at 232 East Front Street in Plainfield. For more information call 908-756-3836.

## Newark students to be featured in Sports Illustrated

**NEWARK**—Several students from two Newark schools will be featured in two articles in *Sports Illustrated* For Kids and *Sports Illustrated* magazines.

Four students from Mount Vernon school will be featured in the December issue of *Sports Illustrated* for kids, which are available in

stores now. The students are Bruce Taim-Fook; age 11, Dyescha Riley; age 9, Yasser Barreda; age 13 and Romain Williams; age 10. Along with other students across the country, the Mt. Vernon students discuss the retirement of basketball star Michael Jordan. Students from University High

will be featured in the subscriber's edition of *Sports Illustrated*, which will be released on November 29. The students will give taste reviews on Super Donuts, which are used in the district's breakfast program and made by former football star/entrepreneur Franco Harris.

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## Religious Calendar

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—42nd Annual Antiques Show and Sale at the Church of The Holy Cross, Washington and Mercer Avenues from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD**—The tenth annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 9a.m. to 5p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd. For more info, call (908)754-2386.

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—42nd Annual Antiques Show and Sale at the Church of The Holy Cross, Washington and Mercer Avenues from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

**NORTH BRANCH**—A Handel's "Messiah" Sing-Along, in which the audience is the chorus, will be held at 8:00pm at Raritan Valley Community College, on the main stage of the Ed. Nash Theatre on the campus. For more info, call (908)728-3420.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

**NEWARK**—The Leo H. Smith, Sr. Foundation, will kick off Interfaith Expo 93 at its 7th annual award dinner & fashion show, 7:00pm, at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. Vendors from NJ and PA will display their products and services. For more info, call (201)386-5270.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

**NEWARK**—Jazzin' Records artist, Joy! Foster of Plainfield is scheduled to perform her unique blend of jazz, R&B, and African rhythmic styles at the Son Set Cafe at 8:00pm on Saturday, December 11. For more info, call (201)429-8327.

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## Richard Wesley honored by the friends of the Newark Public Library

**NEWARK**—Richard Wesley, noted playwright, screenwriter and educator, will present the third annual John Cotton Dana Distinguished Lecture at The Newark Public Library on Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m., in Centennial Hall. The Dana Lectures, initiated by The Friends of The Newark Public Library, honor prominent Newarkers who have distinguished themselves in the State or the na-

by Connie Woodruff

The (Newark) Third Ward Elites have a long standing reputation for sponsoring events designed to bring the folks who live in the "Hill" section of the city before it became the Central Ward.

The ward has changed names, many of the streets don't look like they did in the '40s and '50s and quite a few of the old landmarks (buildings, stores, dwellings) have been replaced by modern structures and townhouses, but the feeling of neighborhood is still there for the new families who have replaced once familiar faces.

A few weeks ago the Third

Ward Elites held a community awards breakfast based on the theme "Friends Are Forever" to honor a dozen men and women who grew up in various sections of the Third Ward and launched their personal and professional careers from local high schools adjacent to the ward.

Among those honored was Ernest (Red/Boo Boo) Barron, an All-American basketball player who spent his high school years at South Side and one of the sport's players who left the city for the Jersey City Vikings and Morris Long Bar Softball team. In later years Barron became President of the Asphalt Workers Local 889, a Trustee of Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church and member of the neighborhood's Sweetest Court. They have three children, four grandchildren,

and one great-grandchild.

In his youth, friends envisioned a great athletic future for Eugene (Gene) Campbell. Instead, Campbell became an educator and remained in the Newark School system where he serves now as the Executive Superintendent.

And whoever thought when he was a kid running up and down Brown Street that Nathan (Bubi) Heard would skyrocket to fame as a writer whose books would be translated in many languages? Or that Nathan would grow up to become a professor at Rutgers University?

The chests of every Newarker, especially those who call the Third Ward home, swelled with pride when Larry Hazard became a three-time Golden Glove champ (1961, 1962, 1963). Today Larry, who began his college career at Essex County College and graduated from Montclair State (cum laude) with a

B.A. Degree, has been an Athletic Commissioner of New Jersey since 1985 and an inductee in the N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame since 1986. Among the honors he most cherishes is the Boxing Commissioner of the Year designation bestowed by the World Boxing Association in 1989.

Dr. Gwendolyn Boldsky Grant's award was accepted by her husband, Newark councilman-at-large Ralph T. Grant. Dr. Gwendolyn, an advice columnist for Essence magazine, is rapidly becoming one of the most sought-after media psychologists on network television and may be seen any time on the Glindlo, Sally Jesse James, Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey shows to mention a few.

Dr. Sharon Johnson was one of the youngest honorees. But her family is well known in the community.

Her grandfather was the late Rev. B.F. Johnson of Metropolitan Baptist Church and her parents, Charles and Evelyn Johnson are well known in local and national educational circles. Dr. Johnson (continued on page 10)

## PSE&G donates grant to help youth

**NEWARK**—To help communities improve the lives of disadvantaged and at-risk children, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is offering a \$125,000 grant to nonprofit organizations in its service territory and Salem County.

PSE&G will award the grant to a local organization working in collaboration with others to serve youth. Partners could include community-based groups, schools, service/volunteer organizations, public agencies and local employers.

"This initiative will give separate groups in a community the opportunity to work together," said Lawrence R. Coney, PSE&G's president and chief operating officer. "The result will be an integrated, holistic approach to address the needs of disadvantaged or at-risk children."

Education, recreation, summer camp, social services, mentoring and job training placement are the kinds of program components suggested in the Request for Proposal

(RFP), which has been sent to community leaders throughout PSE&G's service area.

"Through this program, we're encouraging community organizations to coordinate their efforts and help children on a year-round basis," said Oswald Cano, PSE&G's general manager corporate responsibility. He also stressed the importance of involving parents and other adults who could play a significant role.

The RFP was designed with the assistance of the Association for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ), a statewide nonprofit child advocacy organization based in Newark.

Completed proposals must be received by ACNJ by April 23, 1993. The grant review panel will be made up of individuals with expertise in the design and delivery of community services for youth. The grant is designed to provide funding for a June 1993 start-up date. For more information about the program or to obtain a copy of the RFP, call 201-430-6565.

## School meal program not up to standard

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A report was recently released by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy criticizing the nation's school lunches and breakfasts. The report shows that 99 percent of the schools need to improve the nutrition in their programs.

"With the school lunch being one of the most important meals of the day for many of our children, we must do better," said Espy. "A good school lunch or breakfast is just as important as a good school book. You can't get what is in the book, unless you exercise the mind and the body. So the news here is simple: We can't continue to deep fry our children's health."

The report, entitled "The School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study," surveyed the meals offered in 545 schools and interviewed 3,350 students attending those schools. Overall, more than 25 million children participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs that are offered in more than 90 percent of the schools nationwide.

It showed that school lunches exceed dietary guidelines for fat by more than 25 percent, saturated fat by 50 percent and sodium by nearly 100 percent. It also found that children who ate the school lunch consumed a significantly higher amount of calories from fat, than children who got their lunch elsewhere.

Further, the report showed that virtually no schools conform to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, established in 1980 by the Department of Health and Human Services and USDA.

"Only one percent of schools offered lunches that provide an average of 30 percent or less, of calories from fat as recommended by the dietary guidelines,"

said Ellen Haas, assistant secretary for Food and Consumer Services, who heads the federal nutrition program. "USDA does not require compliance with the Dietary Guidelines and school meals don't follow the guidelines. We must provide the leadership to meet our national responsibility to children."

"There is scientific consensus that diet is linked to health. Diets high in fat and sodium lead to chronic disease such as cancer, heart disease and stroke. And chronic disease often begins in childhood."

Espy stated, "We have a federal policy on what makes a healthy diet. The SNA study shows we are not in compliance with our own policy. Our responsibility is clear. Our school meal programs must meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and provide all children with healthy, nutritious meals. We want to use the results of this major new study to bring change to a program that has been long neglected."

Earlier this year, Espy announced he was moving toward improving the school meal program by purchasing twice as much fresh fruits and vegetables for this school year and directing Haas to hold a series of four field hearings to gather comments to make the changes.

The first hearing was held in Atlanta on Oct. 13, the second on Oct. 27 in Los Angeles, the third on Nov. 12 in Flint, Mich., and the last hearing will be held on Dec. 7 in Washington, D.C. Copies of the report can be obtained by calling the USDA at 202-720-4623.

## Health Calendar

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**BELLE MEADE**—"Psychiatry and the Workplace" is the subject of a medical lecture at Carter Foundation, Route 601. For more info, call (908)281-1481.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

**WESTFIELD**—TB, AIDS, STDs & Hepatitis: Medical Complications of IV Drug and Alcohol Use will be the topic of a seminar 9a.m. to 4p.m. by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, at its office at 300 North Avenue East. For more info, call (908)253-8810.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**BELLE MEADE**—Find out about "Kids and Self-Esteem" 6:45 to 9p.m. in the Atkinson Amphitheater at Carter Foundation, Route 601. For more info, call (908)281-1515.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**JERSEY CITY**—"Holiday Blues and How to Avoid Them" will be delivered by Ms. Angelina at 12:00p.m. at Jersey City State College. For more info, call (201)200-3169.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

**WAYNE**—"Health Care Reform in New Jersey: One Year Later" will analyze the effects of the 1992 New Jersey Health Care Reform Act on various parts of the community. The conference will be held from 8:30a.m. to 3p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Totowa. For more info, call (201)956-2439.

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## Volunteers needed

**PLAINFIELD**—Volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, ages 14 and older, are currently available at JFK Hartway at Cedar Ridge, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield, an affiliate of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Volunteers are needed for weekends or weekdays to assist with games, crafts, shopping for supplies, coffee hour and more. Musical and theatrical performances from around the community are also invited to share their talents.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the JFK Volunteer Service Department at 908 321-7083 or Call Medina, recreational director, at 908 754-3110.

## A family reunion

**MONTCLAIR**—On Sunday, December 12, the community-at-large is invited once again to celebrate at The Montclair Art Museum (MAM), when it opens for its sixth Annual Family Open House, from 12 noon-5 p.m. The event focuses on bringing together adults and children, members and non-members, area residents and visitors, for a secular holiday celebration featuring special amusements, refreshments, and fun for all.

Entertainment throughout the day will be provided by the Montclair Chamber Ensemble, Vocalists of the Pops, and the Cashore Marionettes. The locally based Ensemble will perform a unique program of "child-friendly" musical selections at 12 noon. Appearing at both 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. will be the acclaimed "Voice of the Folk," whose lively vocalizations will explore the roots of African-American jazz, gospel, and folk music. At 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., the Cashore Marionettes will weave their spell of animated puppetry, turning the everyday into the magical.

Also included in the day's events will be a 3:00 p.m. gallery talk and studio workshop, "A Child's View of MAM," for children ages 6-12. Visitors on December 12 will be invited to two new holiday exhibitions. Allan R. Cris's "The Christmas Story and Archie Rand's 'The Old Testament' on view through January 16, 1994, both explore less orthodox perspectives of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Upcoming programs for children include Vacation Workshops for Kids on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 28 through 30. Call the Art School at (201) 746-5620 for information or to register. Museum programs were made possible in part by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Admission to the Family Open House is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children at the door only. For further information, the Events Department at (201) 746-5555, ext. 17.

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**THIRTEENWNET**—Sade: An In The Spotlight Special! premieres at 8 p.m. Produced as a 35-minute film and directed by Sophie Miller, the hour-long concert showcases Sade in concert performing classic hits and songs from her latest album Love Deluxe.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**PISCATAWAY**—The Circle Players presents "Other Peoples Money," 416 Victoria Ave. 7:45p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

**WESTBURY**—Spend an evening with Bruce Hornsby when the Harbor Lights Tour arrives at the Westbury Music Fair at 8:00p.m. For more info. call (516) 334-0600.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**MONTECLAIR**—"Inspecting Carol," follows the antics of a bankrupt acting company and their inept performance of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." 8p.m. Dec. 2-4 and Dec. 9 through 11p.m. at Montclair State College. For more info. call (201) 655-5112.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

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## Telltale hearts opens at Crossroads

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Telltale Hearts, Joe Barnes' spicy romantic comedy about eight, thirty-something single, black professionals searching for love in New York's clubs, offices and classed is the second offering in Crossroads Theatre Company's 15th anniversary season. The show will run Nov. 9 through Dec. 19.

The play will be in previews Nov. 9 through 12, with the gala opening night on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m.

Telltale Hearts features an accomplished cast of Crossroads' veterans and newcomers, including Dennis Green, Pam Grier, Jack Landron, Eugenia Marshall, Peronita Pacey, Count Stallard and Kim Sykes. Dean Irby returns to Crossroads to direct.

Originally presented by the Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center in New York in 1990, Telltale Hearts exposes the fears and fantasies of eight outwardly suc-

cessful individuals looking for love in the right places, but sometimes for the wrong reasons. Here, the conventional "boy-meets-girl" story receives "X" treatment that speaks to the community of young African-American professionals confronting universal issues of love, intimacy and commitment. As Telltale Hearts evolves, the eight singles become four couples, but not all survive the telling test of commitment.



Pam Grier as Lola and Jack Landron as Kevin stars in Telltale Hearts.

## The Montel Williams show celebrates 500 episodes

**NEW YORK**—On November 30, 1993, Montel Williams will celebrate a major milestone in his television history: the 500th episode of his television show as a nationally syndicated talk program.

Distributed by Viacom Enterprises in New York City, the Montel Williams Show is broadcast in 133 major U.S. television markets cover-

ing 87% of the U.S. television markets covering 86% of the U.S. and continues to gain in audience appeal and rating strength. He is the first African-American male to achieve such national acclaim and cross-over acceptance as a television talk show personality.

A brainy and brawny Black male figure, Williams is more than

a television talk show host; he represents a classical African success story with an African-American twist, complete with barriers and obstacles buffeted with a steadfast determination to leave neighborhoods where it was not uncommon for classmates to be killed, hooked on dope or to languish in jail.

Williams grew up in the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore, one of the largest black ghettos of the era. Although he was not from a middle-class home, he was fortunate to have been born to loving parents who dreamed of a better life for their children.

"We lived three blocks from the dump," the 36-year-old talk show host said. "My parents were poor, but they worked very hard to give us the appearance of a lower-middle class lifestyle." His parents still live in Baltimore where his dad is Baltimore's Fire Chief.

He stated that his parents were very strict, and demanded nothing but the best for him and everyone in the family. The realization of that dream meant that he and his siblings had to work hard and get an education. And that meant that they had to take advantage of every opportunity and break the same their way.

For Williams, the ticket to success was a full scholarship to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. And success for a young black man at that school meant that he had to be twice as good

as his white classmates. His success at the U.S. Naval Academy was not extraordinary, not unless one considers that his enrollment at that school was delayed when he followed his guidance counselors' advice: They advised the 1974 senior class president of a predominantly white school, Andover High School in Litchfield, MD, to pursue a vo-tech career.

He did, and after service as a U.S. Marine, a short stint in boot camp, and the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island, he was finally admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1980 with a B.S. in engineering and studied international security affairs and Mandarin Chinese. He would later master Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. "I was shooting to be an Admiral," he still admits.

After fulfilling his military obligations, Williams enjoyed early success as a motivational speaker. His career as a motivational speaker began when he was asked to lecture high school children about being responsible for their own lives. His reputation for his ability to warmly communicate with others while being tough but never intimidating soon spread.

The turning point in his motivational speaking career came when he

was asked to guest-host a public affairs television program for 4,000 in Jacksonville, Florida. When he won the Best of Gannett Award that year, the requests for speaking engagements rolled in. From there, his success as a television talk show host was ensured.

That same honest, no-nonsense warm style of communication that was responsible for Williams' success as a motivational speaker more than 2 million high school youngsters is responsible for his increasing success as a television talk show host. He is not afraid to tackle difficult subjects such as rape, child molestation, drug abuse, and serial killers. Nor does he retreat from any topics that describe various human dysfunctions.

His only goal in crafting each show is to open up communication between people so that there will not be so many problems and misunderstandings in the world. He does not inspire to be the average talk show host—he wants to help solve people's problems instead of inflaming misunderstandings and hatred.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

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# The Politics of Race

by William Reed

Five middle-age white men now lead the nation's five biggest cities. A new politics of race and voting accountability has brought a pre-civil rights movement look to major city halls where minority leadership used to be a growing trend in the 1970s and 80s. At varying times during the last two decades, black mayors reigned in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Detroit, and Washington, D.C. Now with the victory of Rudolph Giuliani in New York, that one, and many other city halls have taken on a look of the past. Because of the ineffectiveness of mayors of color, white men will now rule government in each of the nation's top five cities and eight of the top ten.

President Clinton's response to the victories was, "What you can say is the American people want change and results." And tangible results have not been something many of the long-term African American mayors could point to. Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young is an example in point. Young, like other black mayors in urban America was in a dilemma: he achieved political goals but inherited depleted treasuries and eroding economies. Young's Detroit, which was the vibrant "Motor City" under white mayors, is in complete decay since 1972 and 1977. Detroit lost 8.5 percent of its factories, and another cutback of 46.4 percent occurred over the next five years. Young's personally endorsed candidate for Detroit mayor this election, Sharon McPhail, went down in a big defeat to Young opponent, Dennis Archer.

When minority leadership was in vogue, black mayors gained political office power mainly due to white flight. In pursuit of the white workers, and their consumer power, many companies also left urban America cities such as Detroit, cutting business volume, trimming jobs and decreasing the tax base. Also, under black mayors, big cities have tended to create legislation that drove away businesses and incentives for them. Urban economic growth has lagged in the past two decades because of the subtle but federal and state incentives. Conversely, many cities adopted taxation and regulatory policies making them less attractive to businesses.

In the wake of continuing urban decline and widely publicized racial riots in South Central Los Angeles and

Crown Heights in New York, some conclude that racism has crept back into the voting booth. "It never left, racism was and still is, in America," said civil rights leader, Dick Gregory, on Washington's WOL-AM radio station. But, others contend that black mayors, such as David Dinkins in New York, had such a sorry record of management accomplishments that they deserve to be ousted by white voters, "and blacks should vote them out too," stated a Howard University political science professor from his city. Black incumbents who had been elected initially with overwhelming African American support, were defeated in New York: Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio and Hartford, Conn. In a similar political race, Marty King, son of Martin Luther

King, Jr., was soundly defeated in the urban, Georgia city that includes Atlanta, in his bid to become Fulton County Commissioner Chairman.

In 1969, after Cleveland elected its first mayor, personal income represented 85.1 percent of the total amount for the entire metropolitan statistical area (MSA). By 1990, due to the relative stagnation of personal income between the city and its suburbs, Cleveland's share of total income had fallen to 78.3 percent. Many say, the city is on the rebound and Mike White won reelection with over 70 percent of the vote. Let's hope that White, along with Seattle's Norm Rice, Minneapolis' Sharon Sayles Belton, D.C.'s Sharon Pratt Kelly, Memphis' W.W. Hareton, and Freeman Bosley of St. Louis, however in common with their constituents' bottom line during their reigns than just talking a color line.

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Paterson Mayor William J. Pascrell, Jr. will welcome speakers who are experts in the fields of international trade, finance, financing and law. Topics introducing techniques of

exporting include "The Role of the Trading Company in Exporting," "The Ins and Outs of TradeLink New Jersey," and "Export Assistance Available" to Paterson Businesses.

Among the featured speakers is Daniel Skalski, senior vice president, Chemical Bank New Jersey, who will discuss financing exports in his presentation, "How Exports Get Paid," and Margaret Gatti, Esq., presenting the "Legal and Tax Aspects of an Export Transaction." A question and answer session will follow the lectures.

The fee for the seminar is \$10 per person to cover breakfast and seminar materials. The deadline for pre-registration is November 23, 1993. Call the PEDC at (201) 742-5711 for more information.

**FAIRFIELD, CONN.**—The GE Foundation recently announced its donation of multi-year grants of \$3.7 million to 21 institutions of higher education. Combined with the \$5,911,000 Foundation corporate alumni gift payments to colleges and universities across the country this year, the grants bring the total amount of GE Foundation's donation to \$9,665,000 this year.

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The institutions which receive the grants were: **Faculty for Industry grants:** Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Ohio; North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

**Historically black colleges and universities:** Howard University, Washington, D.C.; North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, N.C.; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas; Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL.

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# Black Coaches Association Set To Tip Off College Basketball Season

by Mark Prioleau

The pre-season madness has begun. The 1993-94 college basketball season tipped off last week with the annual Pre-Season National Invitation Tournament. Throughout the course of the season, there will be alley-oops, dunks, buzzer beaters, and tripe coaches assessed with technical fouls. But, in the midst of the madness for this college basketball season, there will be a more significant battle being fought off the court.

A month ago the Black Coaches Association met with members of the

Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C., boycotting the National Association of Basketball Coaches summit meeting in Charlotte, NC. The B.C.A.'s purpose was to discuss a number of policies which are currently enforced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that they feel are socially, economically, and racially unjust. The gathering in Washington marked the first meeting between the B.C.A., members of the Black Caucus, and prominent black leaders. For the members of the B.C.A., this season will be like no other in their waging

of a great civil war against the N.C.A.A. powers that be.

Recently, I caught up with last year's B.C.A. Coach Of The Year, Temple Basketball Head Coach John Cheney. Mr. Cheney contends that the B.C.A. has been concerned with N.C.A.A. legislation ever since the creation of the original experiment of Proposition 48, which first used the Scholastic Aptitude Test as an instrument for measuring high school students as "college material."

"The experiment that took place in '86 was suppose to go from 1986-1996," said Cheney, adding that the

existing Proposition 42 rule, which replaced the original Prop 48 policy is even more unjust. "But now we move to Prop 42 which says that the same youngster now loses a year of eligibility, and were asking him to stay in school and graduate in a year which he is no longer eligible. He only has three years of eligibility in school, and he's got to pay his way to go to school." Shutting the door of education for several athletes who cannot afford to pay for their first year of school.

Starting with next year's incoming high school freshmen, an amendment in Proposition 42 will require that students graduate with a 2.5 grade point average instead of a 2.0 in addition to scoring a 700 on the S.A.T.

"We're not against standards by any means," said Cheney, "but we do feel that when you make standards, you make standards which should have some flexibility because you're dealing with human beings. We find that our youngsters are turning their head away from higher education and turning to a more negative kind of life and we are concerned about losing our young people to the drug addictions, and losing them to negative aspirations as opposed to aspiring to a higher level."

The S.A.T. has been most criticized by the B.C.A. for being racially biased. Think of the social and economic inequalities. Case 1: A high school senior growing up in suburbia.

Case 2: That same teenager living in a poverty stricken urban center. Cheney is familiar with case 2.

"It is very difficult to walk into a community and say to a youngster 'Son, if you go to school and do a great job in school, one of these days I want you to be able to go to college, get a degree, earn a good living, make sure that you have a nice house or home, or family and grow up to be something one of these days.' You're saying that to some of these kids in some of these areas and tell them they have to wait 15-20 years before they earn a living when the guy you are in competition with is saying to them 'I got a BMW out there, how about you taking this bag and dropping it around the corner, here's a thousand dollars.'" Cheney testified and continued to preach. "You've got to keep that door open and you've got to keep hope in the minds of young people and let them know that they can become something. Don't look at them and place their objective so far away from them that they can't achieve that level."

Coach Cheney and his Temple Owls get their season underway next Wednesday on national television against Kansas. Cheney and the rest of the black coaches will wear black suits in their opening contests symbolizing what greater protests are in store this season. Some coaches will

even wear kinta cloth with their black suits. But this is much more than a fashion statement. By season's end, the public will be familiar with the concerns of the B.C.A. according to Cheney.

"We're certainly going to be voicing our concern. We're going to be meeting with congress and with other black leaders and with those who are interested and concerned," said Cheney. "We want to set the record straight."

Hopfully, we straight as Temple's Atlantic-10 record this season.

## Friends

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received her M.D. from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in 1976 and is on the staff at Margaret Hague and Newark Beth Israel Hospitals.

David (Dave) Travis was the oldest of his seven siblings who grew up to make a name for themselves in several areas.

An honors graduate from South Side High and the University of Dubuque in Iowa, Dave served in the Army, attained the rank of Major, collecting four Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Medals, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to mention a few. Following his service retirement he returned to education and is presently a teacher at Newark Science High.

Judge (Newark Memorial Court) Marilyn Williams was unable to attend the breakfast, but she was more than ably represented by her mother. The Williams family lived in the Felix Fuld Projects when Marilyn was growing up in the 'hood. She received a B.A. Degree in Political Science before entering law school; clerked with retired Judge Harry Hardwood, Jr. and was admitted to the state bar in 1986.

Gigi George Foushee, the first woman of color to serve as Essex County Warden was also among the honorees. Warden Foushee and her

husband, Joseph, are active in professional groups, politics and educational programs dealing with young Newarkers. Prior to joining the Detective Squad in the Sheriff's Department, Foushee was a Deputy Mayor to Mayor Sharpe James and executive director of the Newark Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Jackson (Flap) McQueen, Jr. is "happily retired" from the music business. But in his heyday he was one of the most sought after bass players in the metropolitan area. He started as a bassist in the old Pancho Diggins Band prior to his army induction where he became a featured player with the Army Air Force Bands at war bond rallies and concerts at Waikiki Beach the three years he was stationed in Honolulu. When he returned to Newark he formed a group known as the Ray-O-Vacs while playing at old Lloyds Manor and immediately rose to the top of the music charts with their hit number, "I'll Always Be in Love With You." His book of memories include letters and pictures from many of the world's greatest entertainers and folks he has played for like Ella Fitzgerald and the Nicholas Brothers.

Calvin D. West is no stranger to most folks in Newark. The West family has been an intricate part of the city's political affairs for close to 50 years and Calvin has never ceased to

use his influence and political acumen to make the voices of African Americans heard in and out of the political arena. Mr. West was the first African American to be elected councilman-at-large in Newark, was president of the Central Ward Young Democrats, is an active member of 100 Black Men of N.J. and Newark's representative to the National Organization on Disability in Washington, D.C.

Connie Woodruff was recognized for her work in the trade union movement, her crusading brand of journalism, her political activism and her advocacy of equal opportunity for women of color. Proceeds from the breakfast were presented to the Newark AIDS Foundation Haller House. The invocation and benediction were offered by another former Third Warder, Elder Terry Patrick of the Good News Tabernacle Holiness Church and solos were sung by Michele Johnson, daughter of Third Ward Elder, Delores "Dee J" Johnson, a founding member of the group.

Members/officers of the Elites includes: Rose "Freshie" Johnson, president; Laura M. Baker, vice president; Delores Johnson, secretary; Arlene (Charlie) Crowder, business manager; Barbara McNeil, treasurer; and Geraldine Gilbert, sergeant-at-arms.



Richard Wesley

## Wesley honored by the friends of the Newark Library

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Playwriting. Reviewing *The Black Terror* for the *New York Times*, critic Clive Barnes called it "grim and gripping, thoughtful, a remarkable and provocative play." Among Wesley's other award-winning works are *Lip-town Saturday Night*, *Let's Do It Again*, *Fast Forward*, *Native Son* (based on the Richard Wright novel), *Murder Without Motive* and *The*

*House of Dies Drear*.

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